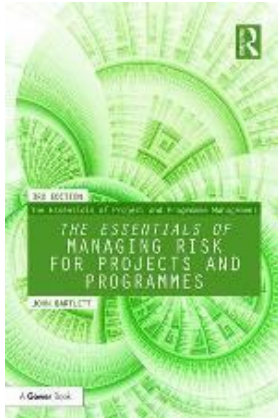


## PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***The Essentials of Managing Risk for Projects and Programmes 3rd Edition***

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### Introduction

Many project managers have challenges distinguishing risks from issues and communicating these to the project team in an understandable format. The author uses established charts, processes and methods to break down the risk assessment process into simple and manageable displays that can be shared with all stakeholders. The process can be applied to all stages of the project life cycle and built into the program design to identify uncertainties and plan contingencies.

### Overview of Book's Structure

The book layout is organized by Chapter as follows:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Identifying and expressing risk
- 3 Assessing risk
- 4 Responding to risk
- 5 Recording risk
- 6 Analyzing and reporting risk
- 7 Administering risk
- 8 Managing risk
- 9 Conclusion

### Highlights

Issues are defined as events that have already occurred and may have caused detriment to the project. Risks are events that have not yet occurred but may or may not occur in the future. It is important to distinguish risks that are potentially preventable and avoidable as opposed to addressing the issues already in play.

The tools and techniques demonstrated, illustrated, and explained in visual format, are practical to use while communicating to stakeholders, board members, and other members of the project team to enhance their engagement on ways to assess, minimize, and mitigate potential risks.

The book emphasizes that too many risk managers identify and analyze the risk, but fall short when it comes to responding to these risks and evaluating the effects of implemented strategies. The book emphasizes the importance of working with the project team to identify, assess, respond, report, analyze, and control known or perceived risks. Each process group is broken down, explained, and demonstrated according to chapter, making it easy for the reader to reference and refer back to a particular area of interest.

### **Highlights: What I liked!**

This book is very easy to read and practical in its approach.

For the visual learner, this book has excellent illustrations of charts and logs displayed in table and figure format. These tools and techniques are detailed and specific to demonstrate how to document the risk process.

This book presents risk in a very organized format that follows in detail the risk management process groups, consistent with the PEBOK. It outlines a step-by-step approach to assessing potential risks throughout the project life cycle and developing strategies to identify, minimize, and mitigate potential for risk exposure.

### **Who might benefit from the Book?**

This book is a great resource for anyone who is involved with managing and evaluating a project. Students as well as experienced managers will equally benefit by using the tips and tricks outlined in this book. This is also a good resource for all stakeholders as a way for them to stay engaged and focus on strategies to evaluate and manage project and program risk.

### **Conclusion**

I highly recommend this book as a resource. The reader will want to refer to this book routinely as a practical guide to document the risk assessment process.

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For more about this book, go to: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Essentials-of-Managing-Risk-for-Projects-and-Programmes-3rd-Edition/Bartlett/p/book/9781138288317>

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